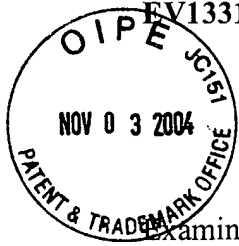


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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to a September 3, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time for replying to the Office Action and have enclosed the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(1). With the extension, the time for replying is extended up to and including November 3, 2004.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.